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Welcome Dr. Nazworth!

Dr. Nazworth joins us this year to teach courses in U.S. politics. He taught last year at the University of Georgia, and previously received his doctorate in political science from the University of Florida. He is working on a book manuscript for Baylor University Press titled *Purists and Pragmatists in the Christian Right*.

Ceremony for Dr. DeLaat's Memorial Bench

There will be a memorial bench in **Dr. DeLaat's** honor located outside the main entrance to the library. A dedication ceremony will take place at Homecoming on October 17, at 9 am. Please attend if you can. She taught political science at Marietta College for twenty years and we miss her.



Washington Semester

Interested in studying at American University for a semester and getting an internship in Washington DC? There will be a AU representative on campus on September 22. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information about the Washington Semester program. Last spring **Megan Patsch** and **Phil Sizemore** participated in the Peace and Conflict Resolution and American Politics programs respectively.

Pre-law

Considering law school after Marietta? If so, please see our pre-law advisor **Dr. Schaefer**. He can help you navigate the pre-law process whether you're a senior preparing for the LSAT or a first year student wondering where to begin. Please be aware that **Ms. Lesley Kuhl**, a local attorney, is teaching a Moot Court course this fall, POLS 194.

Model UN Club Organizes for Year

The MC Model United Nations club is open to all students interested in learning more about global issues by attending simulated UN sessions where students role play diplomats from different countries. The club is currently planning for this year's activities. For more information, please contact **Emily Davis** (end001@marietta.edu), or **Drs. Schaefer** or **Tager**.

Pizza and Politics

The Political Science Department sponsors a series of forums on issues of current interest with free pizza and soda for attendees. The first one will take place on Constitution Day on September 17, and will focus on church-state issues, and there will be a second P & P session involving a debate on health care policy on September 22. If you have ideas for Pizza and Politics events, please contact the series coordinator, **Dr. Schaefer**.

Pi Sigma Alpha Initiation

On April 22, 2009, six students joined the Psi Nu chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary organization. They were **Michael Basic**, **Katie Knight**, **Mike Morgan**, **Sauna Payne**, **Melissa Varga**, and **Phil York**. Initiates must be juniors and maintain high grades. Please contact **Dr. Tager** for more information.

Internships

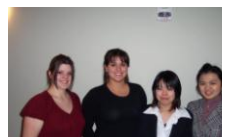
There are currently internships available with the Probation Office of the Marietta Municipal Court, and with Jennifer Garrison's campaign for Ohio Secretary of State. Over the summer: **Amelia Bean-DeFlumer** interned at Pro-Choice Ohio in Columbus. **Justin Robb** interned at the Stark County Family Court. **Tomoko Tadano** interned at Human Rights Now in Tokyo. **Tian Qi Xu** interned at Wu Zhou, a mass media company in Dubai, UAE. Last spring: **Mike Morgan** interned at the Probation Office of the Marietta Municipal Court. **Jennifer Kuhn** interned at the Carson Law Office. Please contact any political science professor for information about, or supervision of, your for-credit internships.

Student Conference Papers

Three students delivered papers at research conferences last spring. **Jakob Loukas (09)** presented "Money Is My Drug: The Mitigating Factors Determining Drug Production in Colombia and Myanmar" at the Ohio Latin Americanist Conference at Ohio University. **Mike Morgan** presented "What Socioeconomic Factors Influence an Effective Transition from Communism to Democracy?" at the "All Politics Is Local" undergraduate research conference at Walsh University. **Tian Wu** presented "Democratization in Post-Communist Countries" at the National Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse. All three students began researching their papers as part of classes for **Dr. Schaefer**.

DAYMUNC 2009

The Dayton Model United Nations Conference (DAYMUNC) held February 6-7, 2009 was attended by **Emily Davis** (Croatia- Simulated Security Council), **Kainani Lovette** (Indonesia- Simulated Security Council), **Tomoko Tadano** (Croatia- Security Council), **Tian Wu** (Indonesia- Security Council), and faculty advisor **Dr. Tager**.



Other Notable Student Activities

Tian Wu is currently completing an honors thesis on “Democratization in Post-Communist Countries” that focuses on Ukraine and Poland.

Leanne McCullough (09) and **Mike Morgan** attended the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) last February in Washington DC along with other members of College Republicans. The conference brings together conservative students, activists, and politicians. Speakers included former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

Britanny Saunier (09) organized a Women’s Leadership Seminar last spring that brought a variety of speakers from the business, academic, and political worlds to Marietta College. It was modeled on the NEW Leadership Ohio program that she attended in Columbus the summer before.

Mike Morgan and **Jessica Peatee** received a joint Investigative Studies summer grant for a project titled “The Effects of Groupthink on Political Knowledge.” This involved generating and comparing samples of people taking a political knowledge test singly and in groups to see if they would change their answers due to peer pressure and other factors present in the group settings.

Cody Thomas worked at the Probation Office of the Marietta Municipal Court over the summer.

Melissa Varga studied abroad last spring in Dublin Ireland.

Phil York worked at the Frederick Community Action Agency in Maryland over the summer in the food service delivery program.

Political Science Alumni News

Jakob Loukas (09) is attending graduate school at American University in their Foreign Policy and International Relations program.

Leanne McCullough (09) is attending graduate school at American University in their International Communications program.

Eric Braniff (Dec. 08) is attending graduate school in political science at Ohio University.

Leah Neal (Dec. 08) is working as a legal assistant at the Crichton & Crichton law firm in Parkersburg. She is applying to law school for the fall of 2010.

Mickey Hart (08) now works for his ATO fraternity’s national Leadership Council. He is based in Indiana.

Joel McKinney (08) is working as a legal assistant at the Rodier Law Office in Columbus. He is applying to law school for the fall of 2010.

Sean Paulhus (08) has long worked to get more recognition for Maine’s first governor William King, a Bath native. He got Maine’s current governor to proclaim a day in King’s honor last February. Sean was elected to the Bath City Council last November.

John Stack (08) is working for the FBI.

Tyson Brown (06) recently finished his Public Policy Masters degree from George Mason University and works at the nonprofit Center for International Private Enterprise doing evaluation work. He is now applying for other jobs at non-profit organizations and DoD contractors.

Jordan Herrick (06) finished law school at WVU and is working as an attorney at Bailey & Wyant, a firm headquartered in Charleston WV.

Kayt Sepic (06) has returned to Washington to enter the MFA program in Film and Electronic Media at American University.

Becca Gehring (05) enrolled in the Masters in Public Health program at the University of Toledo after returning from her Peace Corps stint in Morocco. She plans to work in the field for several years after finishing her Master’s degree this December, and then get a doctorate in Public Health.

Lindsay Shuba (05) is the Senior Regional Political Manager for Government Affairs for the Associated Builders and Contractors. She is based in Columbus.

Matt Bailey (04) has been cancer free for several years, and works as an Account Manager for Master Foods (headquartered in Columbus).

Andrea Hefner (04) works for Ameriprise in Columbus as a paraplanner for a financial advisor, and in compliance overseeing about 50 of the firm’s financial advisors in the Columbus area.

Cory Medina (04) is working on the Creighton Deeds Virginia gubernatorial election campaign.

Terese Herhold (02) works for the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus as a Policy Analyst. In the previous legislative session she focused on the areas of health, human services, aging; retirement systems; environment and natural resources; agriculture; and highways and transportation. She also skates for the Ohio Roller Girls in the Ohio Women’s Roller Derby League.

Shawna (Sparling) Landaker (99) passed the bar exam in 2002 and currently works as an attorney in the Washington County Public Defender’s Office.

Faculty Professional Activities

Dr. Nazworth delivered a paper titled “Change and Complexity in the Christian Right” at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in Toronto in September. He also chaired a panel on “Religion in the 2008 Presidential Election” at the same conference.

Dr. Schaefer delivered a paper (co-authored with John Poffenbarger) titled “Searching for Acceptance: The United States and South America” at the International Studies Association meeting in San Francisco in February. He also chaired panels on “Rising Powers” and on “Systemic Approaches to International Relations” at the same conference. **Dr. Tager** had a paper published in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* titled “Constitutional Reform and the Presidency: The Recent Effort to Repeal the Natural Born Citizen Requirement.”

Dr. Yi’s Newspaper Column

Dr. Xiaoxiong Yi publishes a biweekly, regionally syndicated column about international affairs. Locally, *The Marietta Times* runs his column in their weekend edition.

Have items of interest to the political science community at MC? Please let Dr. Tager (tagerm@marietta.edu, x4898, Thomas 106) know. This newsletter is published occasionally as the news warrants....